

# Proclamation



## AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2014

**WHEREAS**, Africans have migrated to the District of Columbia and formed communities that contribute to the social, cultural, and economic character of our City; and

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia celebrates the incredible diversity of, and within, the African community regarding ethnic, linguistic, cultural, religious, and political backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, African traditions and cultural heritage enrich the social fabric of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia is home to tens of thousands of African residents, businesses, faith-based organizations and community associations; all which symbolize the growing presence of the African community; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness about African residents and institutions in the District will help to highlight their unique experiences and contributions to society:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim September, 2014, as “AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH” in Washington, D.C., and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in commending the African community and thanking them for the active role they play in Washington, D.C.

*Vincent C. Gray*

